

**Exhibit # V.C.**

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Stephen Bowen, Commissioner\*

DATE: April 9, 2013

SUBJECT: Request from Husson University for Extension of Current State Program Approval of its Educator Preparation Programs through August, 2014.

**BACKGROUND:**

Husson University's School of Education is scheduled for a program approval site visit in November of 2013. The School's Director of Teacher Education, Barbara Moody, has requested an extension of the University's current program approval and a rescheduling of the site visit until March 2014. Ms. Moody's letter cites significant staff changes at the University as well as at the Department of Education, and Husson's upcoming NEASC accreditation process as rationale for the change in dates. Husson was approved for five years in February, 2009.

State Board Rule Chapter 114, Part 3.1 (e) reads as follows:

**Requests for extensions for existing approval**, due to extraordinary circumstances, may be granted at the discretion of the State Board of Education; however, such extensions shall not extend the date when the subsequent approval is due. The Board will only consider such requests in emergency situations.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the State Board of Education act favorably upon the request from the Husson University School of Education to extend current program approval for its educator preparation program for six months through August, 2014 and that the program approval visit be scheduled for March, 2014. It is understood that, with a grant of this extension, the University will be limited to a maximum of 4.5 years of State program approval, instead of five years, following the 2014 Review Team visit.

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